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1. WASHINGTON'S EFFORTS TO REMOVE ROADBLOCKS TO PEACE
CONFERENCE REMAIN MAJOR PRESS ITEM. AVAR (ESHAD) SAYS
" UNOFFICIAL" JERUSALEM BELIEVES KM 101 TALKS WILL RESUME
TODAY OR TOMMORROW. HAARETZ (GOLAN) SAYS YARIV WILL BE
DELEGATED TO PEACE CONFERENCE IF TALKS ON TROOP DISENGAGEMENT
FOLLOW CEREMONIAL OPENING. DAVAR (BARNEA FROM WASHINGTON)
SAYS KISSINGER WILL DISCUSS WITH DAYAN POSSIBILITIES FOR
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INTERIM ARRANGEMENT WITH WGYPT. PRESS GIVES WIDE COVERAGE
TO REPORT FROM WASHINGTON ON HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
VOTE TO APPROVE \$2.2 BILLION EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL.
MAARIV (ZAK) NOTES THAT WHILE WASHINGTON IS PROVIDING INDUCEMENT

TO EGYPT ON TERRITORIAL RETURN (WASHINGTON'S PRESS REPORTS ON US PRESSURE ON ISRAEL) IT IS CAUTIONING EGYPT NOT TO RESUME FIGHTING. LABOR PARTY'S MEETING (DECEMBER 5) TO VOTE ON 14 POINT PROGRAM IS ALSO HIGHLIGHTED. PRESS REPORTS FINANCE MINSITER SAPIR DESCRIBED PROGRAM AS PARTY'S ELECTION PLATFORM AND REJECTED PROPOSALS TO ALTER IT. AFTERNOON PAPERS REPORT ON TENSION AND STATE OF ALERT ALONG FRONTS FOLLOWING BOSTERED REDEPLOYMENT OF EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN FORCES ALONG CEASEFIRE LONES.

2. US PEACE EFFORTS: (A) DAVAR (HISTADRUT) ESHED) REPORTS: "AS A RESULT OF INTENSIVE US ACTIVITIES IN CAIRO AND JERUSALEM THE TALKS AT KM 101 WILL APPARENTLY RESUME TODAY OR TOMORROW-- THIS WAS UNOFFICIALLY LEARNED IN JERUSALEM...IT SEEMS THAT THE INTENSIVE TALKS WITH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY HELD IN PREPARATION FOR KISSINGER'S TRIP WERE INTENDED TO ENABLE THE CONTINUATION OF ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN OFFICERS' TALKS AND PREVENTION OF FIGHTING..."

(B) HAARETZ (INDEPENDENT) GOLAN WRITES: "...YARIV'S PARTICIPATION- AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE ISRAELI DELEGATION TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE --DEPENDS ON WHETHER OR NOT THE QUESTION OF TROOP DISENGAGEMENT WILL BE DISCUSSED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE OPEING... THIS UNOFFICIAL PROPOSAL...FOLLOWED THE BREAKING OFF OF THE TALKS AT KM 101..."

(C) MAARIV (SEGEV FROM WASHINGTON)WRITES: " ON THE EVE OF DAYAN'S POLITICAL TALKS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, US OFFICIALS PRIVATELY EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH THE WAY ISRAEL HANDLED THE KILOMETER 101 TALKS ON TROOP DISENGAGEMENT... OFFICIALS NOT THAT ISRAEL UNNECESSARILY WIDENED THE SCOPE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS...MAKING ITS BARGAINING POSITION AT THE PEACE CONFERENCE MORE DIFFICULT...THE US THOUGH THAT THE 6-POINT CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT OBLIGATES ISRAEL AND EGYPT TO TALK ABOUT LOCAL DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES AND NOT STRATEGIC CHANGES OF MILITARY POSITIONS..."

(D) MAARIV (ZAK COMMENTS: " THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENTS'S AGREEMENT FOR KISSINGER'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS IS THE MAIN INNOVATION OF WASHINGTON'S ANNOUNCEMENT ONKISSINGER'S UNCLASSIFIED

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MIDDLE EAST TRIP...PERHAPS IT WAS ALSO MEANT TO PROVIDE A GREACE PERIOD FOR THE TALKS ON THE TROOP DISENGAGEMENT... WITHOUT THE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE MILITARY DECISIONS..."

3. ISRAELI VIEWS: (A) COMMENTING ON PARTY PROGRAM, FINANCE MINISTER SAPIR IS REPORTED TO HAVE REMARKED THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR ISRAEL TO DRAW MAPS AT A TIME WHENR IT IS AWAITING CONVENING OF PEACE CONFERENCE. ISRAEL, ACCORDING TO SAPIR, NEED NOT REVEAL ANY POSITION IN ADVANCE AND MUST DICUSS EACH SUBJECT SEPARATELY WITH ARABS IN COURSE OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

(B) NOTING THAT ISRAEL DOES NOT KNOW YET WHETHER SOVIET UNION IS IN FACT INTERESTED IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE, MINISTER

OF TOURISM MOSHE KOL (WRITING FOR HAARETZ), COMMENTS:

" ISRAELI DELEGATES TO THE PEACE CONFERENCE WILL EMPHASIZE THAT IF PEACE IS ATTAINED, IT MUST BE A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE THAT ENSURES CO-EXISTENCE FOR ALL NOTIONS IN THE REGION AND PREVENTS FUTURE WARS...ISRAEL SHOULD GO TO THE PEACE CONFERENCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF ITS MAP IN ORDER TO GIVE THE ARABS AN IDEA OF OUR (REQUIREMENTS) FOR SECURE BORDERS...ALTHOUGH WE SHOULD NOT GO TO THE CONFERENCE WITHOUT PRIOR CONDITIONS...WE SHOULD GIVE THE ARABS AN INDICATION AS TO WHAT WE CANNOT GIVE UP..." PRAISING US SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AND KISSINGER'S EFFORTS IN CONCLUDING CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT, KOL PROCEEDS: "ISRAEL HAS NO REASON TO FEEL DEPRESSED...ISRAEL IS GOING TO THE PEACE CONFERENCE IN GOOD WILL WITH A DECISION TO STAND FIRM ON WHAT IS VITAL FOR ISRAEL'S FUTURE..."

4. BORDERS: (A) PRESS NOTES INTENSIVE US ACTIVITIES TO PREVENT EGYPT FROM RESUMING FIGHTING BEFORE PEACE CONFERENCE. (B) MAARIV (EREZ) WRITES: "TENSION ALONG THE CEASEFIRE LINES INCREASED IN THE LAST 24 HOURS. IDF IS MAINTAINING A HIGH MILITARY ALERT IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH. EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN FORCES HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED THEIR PREPARATIONS ALONG THE FRONTLINES WHERE THEY STATIONED NEW MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH THEY RECEIVED FROM THE SOVIET UNION AFTER THE CEASEFIRE... THE SYRIANS ARE STATIONED ALONG THE BORDER AREA...AND IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT THE IRAQI EXPEDITIONARY FORCE THAT WAS SENT TO SYRIA ON THE EVE OF THE WAR IS STILL IN SYRIAN TERRITORY."

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(C) YEDYOT AHARONOT (GUINNEY) COMMENTS: "...IT SEEMS THAT CAIRO BELIEVES A NEW ROUND OF FIGHTING BEFORE THE PEACE CONFERENCE COULD BE BENEFICIAL...ESPECIALLY IF IT CAN CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THE THIRD ARMIES...MILITARY COMMANDERS AND EXTREMIST ELEMENTS IN THE ARAB WORLD ARE PUSHING IN THIS DIRECTION...."

5. LABOR PARTY'S PROGRAM: (A) PRESS REPORTS EXTENSIVELY ON LABOR PARTY'S DEBATES WHICH WILL CLIMAX WITH VOTE ON PARTY'S POLITICAL PROGRAM. PRESS ANTICIPATES DISPUTES WILL CENTER MAINLY ON WHETHER PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE CLAUSES TO INDICATE CLEARLY THAT IT DOES NOT REFLECT PRE-WAR POLICY. IN THIS CONNECTION, PRESS REPORTS FINANCE MINISTER SAPIR SAID THAT PROGRAM WILL BECOME PARTY'S ELECTION PLATFORM AND WARNED THAT ANY ADDITIONAL CLAUSES WILL BE DAMAGING. PRESS SAYS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN PRESENT GOVERNMENT WILL COME ONLY IF PRIME MINISTER MEIR REITERATES HER REQUEST FOR ONE. (B) HAARETZ (MARCUS) COMMENTS: "THE 14-POINT PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE APPROVED TODAY TEACHES US...(A) THAT MRS MEIR RETAINS THE ABILITY TO FORCE HER WILL ON THE PARTY...(B) DAYAN'S POSITION IN THE ALIGNMENT IS STRONGER NOW, DESPITE CRITICISM...(C) THAT THE MAPAI (ONE OF THE THREE FACTIONS OF

THE LABOR PARTY) LEADERSHIP...HAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO GOLDA-DAYAN-GALILI..."

6. PALESTINIANS: AL HAMISHMAR (MAPAM) ARAB AFFAIRS WRITER
REMARKS: "INFLUENTIAL PUBLIC OPINION IN THE WEST BANK....HAS
CRYSTALLIZED. IT SUPPORTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN
STATE IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA AND IS FORCEING THE (HRADITIONAL)
LEADERSHIP--WHO UNTIL NOW SUPPORTED HUSSEIN'S FEDERATION
PLAN--HO WITHDRAW ITS SUPPORTMF FOR IT..."
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